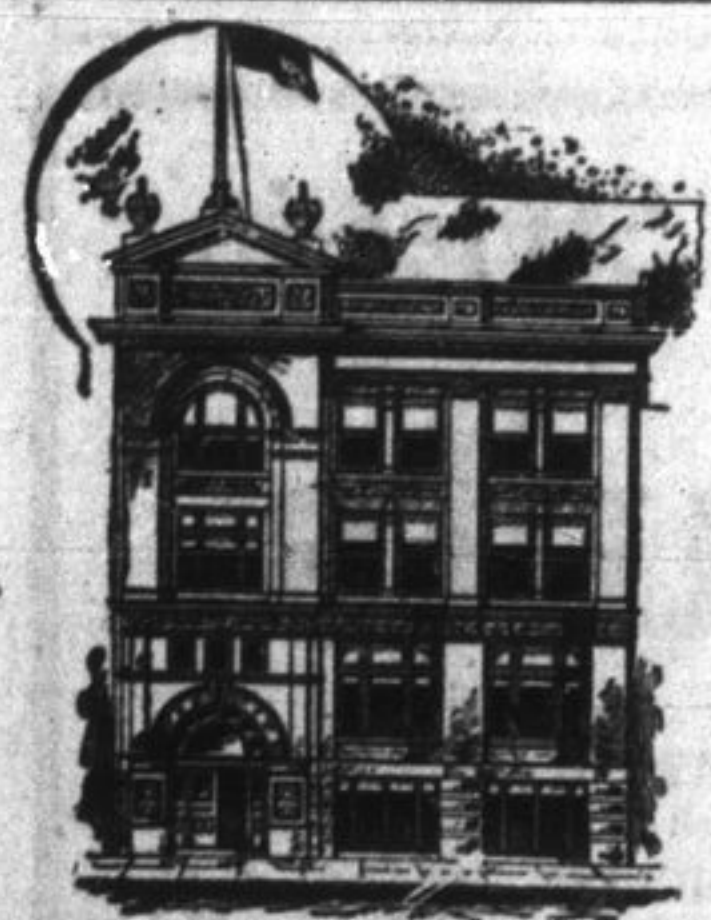


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ELECTRIC RADIALS.

An association was reformed in the West some months ago, in the name of certain municipalities, in pushing its campaign. It is not, however, meeting with the success of the union of municipalities which formerly co-operated in the interest of cheap electric power. The same influence is not in view. The same objects are not in view. The same results are not attainable.

On general principles electric railways, connecting certain populous centres, in penetrating and opening up certain districts that are rich in agricultural, mineral and other resources, are approved. And roads, wisely projected, and reasonably supported, financially, will find favour with most people.

But who is to determine the merits of each individual scheme? What body will be consulted and determine whether a radial is not competing with some other road and imperilling the prosperity of both? What commission, if any, will look into any scheme that is floated and pass upon its details before the government is asked to bonus it, to the extent of \$3,500 a mile, more or less?

The Association of Municipalities, interested in the radials, made bold to assert its preeminence during the last session of Parliament. Hon. Mr. Beck championed it. He alone had unlimited faith in its future. The Government declined to bonus the radials or subsidize them, and the attempt was then made to create public sentiment in their favour.

Appeals have been made to boards of trade to endorse certain resolutions and send them to the Local Government. It is to be hoped they will be pigeon-holed since the time is not yet ripe for their consideration.

The New York Herald has it that Germany would be glad for a war with the United States. Why? It would cause the Wilson Government to stop the shipment of all munitions of war to the Allies and reserve them for American use. Any advantage in that?

GERMANS NOT TRUSTED.

The relations between the English-speaking people and the Germans were strained before the loss of the Lusitania. The torpedoing of this fine steamship, one of the best that plowed the Atlantic Ocean, and the loss of so many lives, including helpless women and children, produced a revulsion of feeling that has shown itself in many ways.

The wickedness of attacking an unarmed boat, and deliberately causing the death by its destruction, by a cold-blooded murder of so many innocent persons, has stamped the German nation as cruel, heartless, pitiless. The general interpretation is that the voice of the Emperor, in approval of this dastardly act, is the voice of all who recognize him as their national hero. All over the British possessions the British are resenting the results and wrongs of the German people.

In Britain the younger Germans, as "suspects," will be interned; the older ones, mistrusted, will be deported. Sir Charles Bessford wants all the Privy Counsellors of German extraction removed. In the British colonies the Germans who are behaved are suffering on account of the misbehaved, and angry mobs have been visiting their displeasure upon the enemy.

The judicial mind, as it is ex-

pressed by Mr. Asquith, disapproves of turbulence at a time when calmness should prevail. But the average Britisher is not of the placid temperament of Mr. Asquith. He will not tolerate German culture as it is applied in the atrocities of the day; and the average German is not very safe at large.

The departure of Dr. Dernberg, from the United States, as a disturber of the peace, is the latest. This is an awful humiliation and enough in itself to provoke war between the United States and Germany.

WAITING FOR THE ANSWER.

About this time the German Government has framed its reply to Mr. Wilson, the President of the United States, and some persons are presuming to prophecy what that answer may be. They are in this respect, as "injudicious as were those who assumed that the United States would be timid about calling the Germans to account because it was not prepared to fight.

The men who assumed that Mr. Wilson could not indite a powerful epistle, one covering all the points in the controversy, and presenting his views in a direct, concise and courageous way, did him a great injustice. The right of the Germans to destroy the property and lives of neutrals, on the high seas, was couched in lofty and emphatic language, and if there was a doubt about the phraseology in any preceding part there was none in the concluding paragraph which read:

"The Imperial German Government will not expect the Government of the United States to omit any word or any act necessary to the performance of its sacred duty of maintaining the rights of the United States and its citizens and of safeguarding their free exercise and enjoyment."

The German Government cannot mistake or misunderstand that declaration. In effect it means that there will be no palliation of any offences against the most powerful of all the neutral powers. The note intimates that "Germany must yield or the United States will stand pledged to make her yield." The answer of Germany, therefore, under these circumstances, is awaited with great anxiety.

Germany confessed her regrets for the loss of life in the Lusitania case, and her determination to pursue her destructive policy within the British war zone. That declaration must be withdrawn or modified.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Now that his chum, or fellow-labourer, Roblin, is gone, with his Government, Rogers is threatened with the loss of his seat in Manitoba. This is the unkindest cut of all.

Did the Conservative Government of Ontario really spare the Liberal officials when it attained to power? The late Sir James Whitney did declare against the spoils system, but we know what happened.

The Toronto News is concerned lest the new Liberal Government of Manitoba clean out the civil service. No danger of that. But the fellows who have been offensive, whose pernicious activity in elections has been notorious, will surely have to go.

It is explained that the German submarines have, off England, sunk only fifty-four merchantmen out of a total of 17,000 that have been trading with English ports. Let us not accept that as a matter for rejoicing. The war is young yet, and the submarines are busy.

The nationalists have disappeared from the Federal Government one by one. Monk retired of his own accord. But what of the others, Nantel, Pelletier, and Coderre? Have they been squeezed out at convenient times. Coderre, the last of them, was desperately anxious to get into the Government. What hastened him out of it?

Things gave reached a pretty pass in British Columbia when the Attorney-General tells the Grand Jury that they need not visit the public institutions. The Judge informed them that they need not pay any attention in this respect to the Attorney-General or the Sheriff. The Grand Jury, however, did not have any collision with the powers-that-be, Hon. Mr. Bowser.

Mr. Drummond's letter to the Toronto press, in opposition to electric radials, which are built without due regard to the manner in which the country is served with steam railways, is in keeping with the resolution of the Kingston Board of Trade upon the subject. Some Commission, to determine routes, connections, and plans, is absolutely necessary.

PUBLIC OPINION.

Looks Like It. (Ottawa Journal) One thing the Germans have knocked the stuffing out of, and that is the word culture.

Something In That. (Toronto Star) Rev. Billy Sunday says the devil

invented clocks. Still, he doesn't have to get up at 6 a.m.

Don't Let's Slop Over

(Toronto Star) "The Canadians," says a despatch, "were outnumbered five to one." That will do. The enemy has had that advantage too often.

Queer Historians.

(London Advertiser) Sir Richmond Roblin throws himself upon the mercy of the historians. Well, history often handles a whitewash brush as well as a tax smear and he may be safe

Don't Measure It.

(Montreal News) There are Germans in Montreal, under decent protection, who are gloating over the Lusitania murders. The detention camp is the proper place for them.

The Dentist's Joke.

(Guelph Mercury) Twelve dentists are charged at White Plains, N.Y., with being fakes. The exact charge against them is not published, but it is supposed they were too hang free with that old jingle about "Now, this won't hurt you."

No Saw-Off Please.

(Montreal Star) The one thing the county will not forgive will be the slightest evidence of a "saw-off" in which a ready resignation might seem to have been traded against a blind-folded investigation. The good name of Manitoba is at stake.

KINGSTON EVENTS 25 YEARS AGO

Henry Mooers will erect two fine brick houses on Barrie street.

The Montreal cricketers are playing a visit to Kingston.

The opening of Sydenham street to Princess street is being advocated.

War Tidings.

Antonia Salandra has consented to retain the Italian premiership. The people are becoming more peaceful since it was announced. The Austro-Hungarian embassy at Rome has ordered all subjects residing in Italy to hold themselves in readiness to leave the country. Leading Rome newspapers say this order will be issued to-day.

The president of Portugal is reported to have disappeared. The Vienna War Office says: "The Russian armies in Poland and Galicia continue to retreat along the whole front. We captured Rudnik and Lescaysk on the San River; our troops are now before the gates of Przemysl."

A member of the British Parliament is on his way to Canada to engage men to work on war munitions.

Two thousand students at Naples made a demonstration in favor of war.

Paris Sunday official said: North of Ypres we checked the enemy. Captured several trenches in front of Hot Sas and occupied part of Steensstrate.

Fighting Alcohol

Seth had been trying to cure himself of the alcohol habit by eating instead of drinking when the craving came on. One day he met a friend, who asked him how the plan had worked.

Seth said: "Fine. Whenever I've felt like drinking I've made for a quick lunch counter. Sometimes I've been hard. For instance, the other night in the room next to mine at the hotel a fellow shot himself. It was awful. There was a shot and then the body thudded to the floor. I jumped out of bed and dashed down four flights and made for the office with just enough breath left to pant to the fellow who had worked."

"My goodness! the — man — in — the — next — room — has — just — killed — himself — It — was — awful — for — pity's — sake — give — me — some — ham — and — eggs — and — a — piece — of — lemon — pie."

Now Capt. E. D. Ponton.

Belleville, May 17.—Lieut. R. D. Ponton, who left here with the 15th Battalion detachment in the second contingent, has been promoted to a Captaincy after the battle at Langemarck.

Major McCuaig Found.

Montreal, May 17.—Major D. Ryckert McCuaig of the 14th Battalion, who has been missing since the recent terrific engagement with the Germans in which so many Canadians suffered, has been located in a hospital in Germany.

East Algona Liberals nominated W. H. Hurst, Gore Bay, as Federal candidate.

Rippling Rhymes

Walt Mason

A LITTLE WHILE.

A few more years, or a few more days, and we'll all be gone from the rugged ways wherein we are jogging now; a few more seasons of stress and toil, then we'll all turn in to enrich the soil, for some future farmer's plow. A few more years and the grass will grow where you and the pink are lying low, your arduous labors o'er; and those surviving will toil and strain, their bosoms full of the same old pain you knew in the days of yore. Oh, what's the use of the carking care, or the load of grief that we always bear, in such a brief life as this? A few more years and we will not know a side of beef from a woody woe, an ache from a bridal kiss, "I fear the future," you trembling say, and nurse your fear in a dotard way, and moan it with a tear; the future day is a dotard unborn, and you'll be dead on its natal morn, so live while the present's here. A few more years and you cannot tell a quart of tears from a wedding bell, a wreath from a beggar's rags; you'll take a ride to the place of tombs in a jaunty hearse with its nodding plumes, and a pair of milk-black nags. So while you stay on the old gray earth, cut and dance with exceeding mirth, have nothing to do with woe; a few more years and you cannot weep, you'll be so quiet and sound asleep, where the johnnie-jumpers grow.

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WE MUST NOT FIGHT

THE DEVIL WITH HIS OWN WEAPONS.

But With Christ's Weapons, said Rev. T. W. Savary in Sermon in St. James Church on "Vengeance."

In St. James' Church on Sunday evening Rev. T. W. Savary preached on "Vengeance," taking his text from Matthew v, 28-41. He said that he had been asked if under present conditions the young people should be taught to turn the other cheek, and if it was not better to teach them that with the Germans it was better to have an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth. We must remember, said Mr. Savary, that this referred only to judges and those charged with the enforcement of the law. "Vengeance is mine, I will repay," must not be forgotten. "Don't think for a moment that Moses sanctioned lynch-law, or ordered an injured man to strike back with equal force, or for one was rejoiced when Britain's Prime Minister stated that he was resolved that England would keep her hands clean, no matter what the enemy did. We must not fight the Devil with his own weapons. We must fight with Christ's weapons, and not let the enemy drag us down to his methods, which we denounce."

There is something hidden away in most men's hearts which makes him ashamed of smiling the offered left cheek, and with equal force, the safest way to travel in savage countries is to go unarmed. There are times when yielding the cloak would make the robber more greedy and where resistance may be a duty for the sake of others or for society as a whole. It was no breaking of the law of Christ when Belgium was invaded, that for her sake England went to war with the evil-doer, and we can well give thanks to God that our cause is one which we can bring before Him without shame. Let us fight not with passion and blood-thirsty desire for vengeance, but honourably for right and justice, and as those prepared when all is over to demand only what is just and right. The boy should be taught to control his temper and to proceed always with reason and judgment, keeping God's standard before us, as individuals and as a nation.

THE COLUMN.

There's a column marching on and on, All jubilant with war, From dawn till eve, and eve till dawn,

Though the dead march never more, On, on! the bugles shrill; on, on! Though under the night and rain; While the column marched on and on, Ten thousand men lie slain.

There's a column marching on and on! Though it marches at a price, Yet march it must, from night till dawn, By human sacrifice, Though the ways be mired with tears; on, on!

Though the roads be paved with slain; Never yet was there column marching on, But it marched through blood and pain!

There's a column marching on and on, And with Death its footsteps rhyme, And in unending monotony, The drip of tears keeps time.

There's a column marching on and on, Through mankind's primal shame, And the tears keep falling one by one, On the paths that men call Fame.

There's a column marching on and on, As it marched since Time had birth, Through Rome and Greece and Babylon, The grim route march of Earth,

There's a column coiling on and on, With the serpent's curse of Cain, While ceaselessly from night till dawn, Earth's widows weep their slain.

There's a column marching on and on, When will that marching cease? When will it bring that blood-red dawn That brings white days of Peace? There's a column marching on and on,

With steady tramp and thud, Never yet was there column marching on, But it marched through pain and blood! —R. C. READE.

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A Rebel Navy Has Bombarded City of Lisbon London, May 17.—A rebel naval squad have bombarded the city of Lisbon from the River Tagus, according to further advices from Madrid received by the Fabre Agency. These advices to Madrid, are described as official and they come direct from Lisbon. The bombardment of the warships has resulted in the killing of a number of people and the wounding of others. It would appear that the navy is at the head of the rebel movement. Private advices reaching the Spanish capital from Lisbon sets forth that the commander of the Portuguese cruiser Vasco Da Gama has been murdered. The army garrisoning Lisbon is remaining loyal to President Arrago. Trains from Spanish points are being stopped at the Portuguese border, according to Madrid despatches. Here is the total strength of the Portuguese navy: 1 old battleship of 2,000 tons, 5 protected cruisers, a variety of old gunboats, 4 old torpedo boats, a former royal yacht, 3 destroyers, 4 new torpedo boats, and 3 submarines. Lady Ada Scott announces that her son, Sapper Francis William Scott, of the Canadian Engineers, died of wounds on May 11th in Dogo Hospital.

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